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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Randy Steen

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: Emergency Relief (ER) Disaster CA03-1

On March 6, 2003, your office submitted a request for the quick release of \$13 million to allow for the initial funding to reimburse the State for incurred expenses associated with the winter storms that have occurred since December 12, 2002.

We have reviewed the request and the supplemental information package from the Division of Maintenance and find the support provided acceptable. By enclosure to this letter we are providing the Divisions concurrence in the Departments request for ER funding. This 'finding' determination authorizes storm damage repair to Federal-aid highways in the counties declared by the Governors Proclamation of February 21, 2003, to be eligible for ER funding.

As we have discussed, all available FY 2003 ER program funds have been allocated. The requested \$13,000,000 for storm damage associated with disaster CA03-1 has been added to the FY 2003 listing of pending requests from throughout the country. If congress appropriates additional ER funds for FY 2003, the funds will be allocated proportionately among those states with outstanding ER needs at that time. Repairs to damaged facilities in declared counties may be administered and funded utilizing regular federal-aid funds or Advanced Construction (AC) that may be converted to ER funds when they become available.

It is essential that good documentation supporting all executed and planned restoration work is readily available for review by the Federal Highway Administration. Begin now to coordinate the development of Damage Assessment Forms (DAFs) in accordance with our 1998 Emergency Relief Program Delegation. It is helpful to have draft DAFs prepared in advance of on-site reviews for those project sites that will involve our Transportation Engineers in field reviews.

We look forward to working with your staff to schedule and complete all Damage Assessments in a timely manner. An accounting of all DAFs within your developed tracking system will be reviewed periodically. Should you have any questions, please contact Scott McHenry and 916-498-5854 or Nancy Bobb at 916-498-5033.

Sincerely,

For
Gary N. Hamby
Division Administrator

Enclosure